

Activity report 6 – 8 February 2010

1. February 6, 2010

In the morning of February 6, 2010, Mrs. Victoire Ingabire Umuhoza, escorted Joseph Ntawangundi to Remera Police Station where he was taken by Police under the allegations of genocide crimes.



2. On Sunday 7, 2010

Escorted by Joseph's lawyer, Mrs. Victoire Ingabire paid a visit to Joseph Ntawangundi. After the visit the lawyer went to Kibungo and met the chairperson of the Gacaca who allegedly tried in absentia and sentenced a so called Joseph Ntawangundi in 2007. This is in the sector of Kabati, Ngoma district in the Eastern Province. The lawyer is seeking more clarification on the charges leveled against Joseph and any other useful information that may assist the defence team.

3. Monday 8, 2010

- 08:30 - The Police took Joseph to the prison of Kimironko.

- 10:00 - Mrs. Ingabire Umuhoza was received at the British High Commission (Kigali, Rwanda) by Ms Laurie Hunter, Political Officer with whom they discussed the recent incidents of harassment and assault at the local administration offices in Kinyinya and the subsequent arrest and detention of Joseph Ntawangundi. During the discussion, Mrs Ingabire, requested her, among other things, to convey her concerns to the UK government about these acts of harassment and intimidation. In this atmosphere, there will be no safe democratization of

Rwanda.



- 14:30 – Mrs. Victoire Ingabire Umuhoza discussed with officials of a Rwandan human rights organization Liprodor. They both exchanged basic information related to the aims and objectives of their respective organizations. The constraints and challenges they face in carrying out their normal activities were reviewed as well. In Rwanda, the respect of human rights and the freedom of expression still have a long way to go.

- Following the harassment and physical assault UDF officials were subjected to inside municipal offices in Kinyinya and the arrest of Joseph Ntawangundi, Mrs. Victoire Ingabire Umuhoza briefed the representative of Human Rights Watch in Rwanda and the representative of Amnesty International based in Kampala, Uganda. There is no space for a political opposition in Rwanda and politicians are facing serious threats on a daily basis.

- Today, Mrs Victoire Ingabire Umuhoza went to Kinyinya police station and was given back her personal papers snatched during the last week lynching inside municipal premises. The next step is the gathering of other required documents for the registration of the political party.

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